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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR FEBRUARY MEETING OF OECD HIGH-LEVEL GROUP  
ON COMMODITIES

REF: (A) STATE 13335, (B) EC BRUSSELS 490

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, THE MISSION MET ON JAN. 21 WITH  
EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL JOSE NICOLAI, THE ADVISER TO JOSEPHUS  
LOEFF, THE ACTING EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INDUSTRY  
WHO WILL BE THE COMMISSION'S REPRESENTATIVE AT THE CIEC  
COMMISSION ON RAW MATERIALS (CORM). WE TOLD NICOLAI OF  
OUR DESIRE TO HOLD A MEETING OF THE OECD HIGH-LEVEL GROUP  
ON COMMODITIES (HLGC) JUST PRIOR TO THE CORM MEETING  
AND OF OUR BELIEF THAT THE GROUP B PAPER DEVELOPED AT THE DECEMBER  
MEETING OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES COULD PROVIDE  
A USEFUL STARTING POINT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE OECD HIGH-LEVEL  
GROUP AND IN CORM.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, NICOLAI SAID HE AGREED THAT  
THE GROUP B PAPER WOULD BE A USEFUL BASIS FROM WHICH  
TO WORK. HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD RAISE THE QUESTION  
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OF THE PROPOSED FEB. 9-10 HLGC MEETING AND THE USE OF

THE GROUP B PAPER WITH HIS SUPERIORS AND GET BACK TO US.  
THE EC COUNCIL ON JANUARY 20 WENT ON RECORD AS PREFERRING  
THAT INDUSTRIAL COUNTRY COORDINATION PRIOR TO CIEC COMMISSION  
MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE G-8 RATHER THAN IN THE OECD.  
(DETAILS REPORTED SEPTEL.)

3. SPEAKING GENERALLY, NICOLAI SAID THAT HE BELIEVED  
IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO MEET IN THE OECD WITH THE NON-  
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES AFTER A CIEC COMMISSION MEETING,  
NOT BEFORE. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO COORDINATE  
THE VIEWS OF THE NINE AND THEN OF THE OTHER CIEC COMMISSION  
PARTICIPANTS. IT WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT TO TRY TO  
COORDINATE VIEWS OF ALL THE OECD COUNTRIES JUST PRIOR TO  
A CIEC COMMISSION MEETING, PARTICULARLY AS PARTICIPANTS  
BY THEN ALREADY HAVE FIXED INSTRUCTIONS. IN AN OECD  
MEETING AFTER A CIEC COMMISSION MEETING, THE NON-  
PARTICIPANTS COULD BE INFORMED OF WHAT HAD OCCURRED AND  
COULD STATE THEIR POSITIONS. THE CIEC PARTICIPANTS  
WOULD HAVE SEVERAL WEEKS TO TAKE THE POSITIONS OF THE  
NON-PARTICIPANTS INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE FORMING THEIR OWN  
POSITIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEETING. GREENWALD

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